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(JUNE 11-18, 1977)

TO: J. THOMAS ROGERS, DIRECTOR
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1. PLEASE CONFIRM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE ACTUAL NUMBER
OF PARTICIPANTS IN MISSION. FROM YOUR SEVERAL LETTERS AND
COPIES OF YOUR CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE MERIDIEN HOTEL,
WE ASSUME THAT MISSION HAS TWELVE MEMBERS -- CAREW,
YOUNG, SCHENCK, GRAHAM, EL-HADJ, COLLET, STRAITZ, WRIGHT,
VALERIO, BERENATO, MOORE, AND ROGERS -- INCLUDING ONE

(PRESUMABLY EL-HADJ, WHO HAS FAMILY IN DAMASCUS) NOT
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STAYING AT MERIDIEN. WE NEED YOUR CONFIRMATION IN ORDER
TO PREPARE DIPLOMATIC NOTE LISTING PARTICIPANTS AND
AFFILIATIONS OF MISSION MEMBERS TO SYRIAN MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCING MISSION'S ARRIVAL AND PURPOSE.

2. WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED COMPANY LITERATURE FROM
CROMAGLASS, KROY, METRIC MANAGEMENT, REED, CRESCENT

IRON WORKS, CAREW, DIMENSION FIVE (PHOTS ONLY),
ELECTRO ACOUSTIC ENGINEERING LAB (ONE PIECE ONLY),
PITTSBURGH CORNING (TWO PIECES ONLY) AND NATIONAL AIROIL
BURNER CO (TWO PIECES ONLY). WE ALSO RECEIVED ONE PACKET
OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.
PLEASE ADVISE IF MORE MATERIAL IS EN ROUTE.

3. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED MISSION BROCHURES. WILL ADVANCE MAN
BRING THESE BROCHURES OR WILL YOU MAIL THEM SEPARATELY? WE
APPRECIATE YOUR DECISION TO PRINT BROCHURES IN ARABIC AS
WELL AS ENGLISH -- A GESTURE WELL-RECEIVED BY SYRIANS.

4. I WILL BE OUT OF DAMASCUS WHEN ADVANCE MAN BUCHANAN
ARRIVES DAMASCUS MAY 24, BUT WILL BE HERE IN JUNE TO WORK
WITH MISSION ITSELF. ECONOMIC OFFICER PATRICK N. THEROS
WILL WORK WITH BUCHANAN ON MISSION SCHEDULE. PAST
EXPERIENCE HERE SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL SCHEDULE --
ORGANIZED WITH MINISTRY OF ECONOMY -- WILL NOT TAKE SHAPE
UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE MISSION'S ARRIVAL.

/S/MICHAEL DAVIS, COMMERCIAL OFFICER
AMERICAN EMBASSY
DAMASCUS, S.A.R.
MURPHY

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